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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING RESPONSE (TBILISI 2301)

REF: TBILISI 2301

¶1. (U) This cable responds to the action request in reftel requesting human rights vetting for the candidates nominated to attend the Defense Language Institute, Lackland AFB, San Antonio and at the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, OK.

¶2. (U) The Department of State has vetted the individuals listed in reftel and possesses no credible derogatory information as of 01/14/2010. Post is authorized to include the following individuals in USG-funded training:

NAME: TABUKASHVILI, ZURAB;
TITLE: Commander, DANA BN, I Artillery Brigade, Captain;
ORGANIZATION: Ministry of Defense of Georgia;
SEX: Male;
DATE OF BIRTH: October 16, 1978;
PLACE OF BIRTH: Kharagauli, Georgia;
NATIONALITY: Georgian;
PASSPORT NUMBER: 05AB07851;
PASSPORT EXPIRATION DATE: May 5, 2016;
TYPE OF TRAINING: English language training, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX; Field Artillery Captain Career Course, Field Artillery, Fort Sill, OK;
DATES OF TRAINING: February 3, 2010 - January 18, 2011.

NAME: KVINKADZE, TEIMURAZ;
TITLE: Chief, Fire Support Section, G3, LF, Major;
ORGANIZATION: Ministry of Defense of Georgia;
SEX: Male;
DATE OF BIRTH: June 8, 1977;
PLACE OF BIRTH: Kutaisi, Georgia;
NATIONALITY: Georgian;
PASSPORT NUMBER: 1729063;
PASSPORT EXPIRATION DATE: December 19, 2015;
TYPE OF TRAINING: English language training, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX; Field Artillery Captain Career Course, Field Artillery, Fort Sill, OK;
DATES OF TRAINING: February 3, 2010 - March 17, 2011.

¶3. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified above, as of 01/14/2010. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (U) Note that if Post subsequently becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with training. Post should refer to the Leahy Vetting guidance manual for additional assistance.

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